(Quantity in thousand metric tonnes. Value in Rs. crores)

Product	*1994-95*		*1995-96*		*1996-97*	
	Quantity	*Value*	*Quantity*	*Value*	*Quantity*	*Value*
OTHER PROCESSED FOODS (Guar Gum, Cereal Preparations and Alcoholic Beverages etc.)	176.88	415.48	1007.33	1171.97	1324.07	1835.91
CEREALS (Basmati & Non-Basmati Rice).	890.60	1205.57	4914.00	4568.06	2511.96	3172.35
MARINE PRODUCTS	307.30	3575.27	296.27	3501.11	378.19	4121.36

Non-conventional energy sources in north Bihar

1740. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote Non-Conventional Sources of Energy in Saharsa, Supaul, Madhepura and Madhubani Districts of North Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details of the schemes formulated for the Districts and the funds allotted for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government propose to promote non-conventional energy sources in the State of Bihar including in the District of Saharsa, Supaul, Madhepura and Madhubani.

(b) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources does not formulate schemes or allot funds under its various programmes, District-wise. The Ministry has allocated a target of installation of 500 family type biogas plants and 20,000 improved chulhas, to be set up in the State of Bihar during 1998-99. In addition, the Ministry is also implementing a wide range of other programmes for the promotion of non-conventional energy sources such as Biomass gasification and Briquetting, Solar thermal water heating, Solar photovoltaic home-lighting, lanterns, Water pumping for irrigation and Village level power plants, Grid connected power from Wind energy, Small hydro, Biomass combustion, Bagasse-based Co-generation and Solar photovoltaic energy and energy from Urban and industrial wastes, which cover the whole country including the State of Bihar.

Biomass Assessment Study in Gujarat

1741. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated biomass assessment studies in various parts of Gujarat for setting up biomass power project in the State;

(b) if so, the details and findings thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to tap the potentials of non-conventional energy sources in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Under its Biomass Assessment Programme, the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources had during 1996-97 sponsored